Statement

The details of export of sugar made by STC as well as by the Industry during the period from January, 1989 to June, 1991, are as under :—

Name of the Country	Qty Lakh M.T.	Foreign exchange earned (Rs. Crores) FOB.
EEC . . .	0·30	31·80
USA . . .	0·35	28·90
Sri Lanka . .	0·36	22·15
Indonesia . .	0·74	44·72
Nepal . . .	0·35	19·07*
Maldive . . .	0·033	0·25
Maldive . . .	0·008	0·49*
TOTAL . .	2·111	147·38

*In Indian Currency.

[*Translation*] Smuggling

Seizure of Smuggled Gold

2434. SHRI DAU DAYAL JOSHI : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) the value of smuggled gold seized during the last one year and the names of the countries from which it was smuggled;

(b) the particulars of the persons from whom it was seized and whether all of them were prosecuted the details in this regard;

(c) the number of persons out of them acquitted and whether any appeal has been filed against their release; and

(d) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI RAMESHWAR THAKUR) : (a) to (d) The quantity of gold which is reportedly being smuggled into India by various smuggling syndicates based in certain countries of West Asia, seized, the number of persons arrested, the number of persons against whom prosecutions were launched by the Customs authorities and the number of persons convicted and acquitted by the Courts in prosecution proceedings during the calendar years 1990 and 1991 (upto 31 July) are given in the table below. Persons found to have been involved in smuggling of contraband, including that of gold, are liable for penalty in deaprtmental proceedings and prosecution in courts of law. The disposal of prosecution mainly rests with the trial courts and the Department can only expedite the process within its limited means; Courts' decisions lead to both conviction and acquittal. Appeals against acquittal are made if warranted.

	Quantity of gold (in kgs.)	Value of gold (Rs. in crores)	No. of persons arrested	No. of persons prosecuted	No. of persons convicted	No. of persons acquitted
*1990	5596	189·75	3356	1528	555	141
*1991 (upto 1st July) .	3321	117·53	1432	825	344	86

*(Figures are provisional).

Statistics of persons prosecuted, convicted and acquitted in respect of smuggling of gold alone are not maintained separately.